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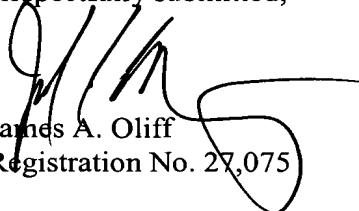
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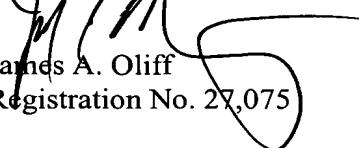
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- 4. English-language Abstracts of non-English language reference Nos. 3-8 are attached hereto.

5. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese reference(s) has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([http://www.jpo.go.jp]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 3-8.

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